

REMARKS

Claims 7-10, 11 and 13-30 were pending and under consideration.

Claims 1-6, 8-9 and 12-13 were canceled previously.

In the Office Action of February 5, 2004, claims 7, 11, 15, and 21 were rejected and claims 10, 14, 16-20, and 22-30 were objected to.

In response, claims 7, 11, 15, and 21 have been amended.

Claims 7, 11, 15 and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Claims 7, 11, 15 and 21 recite "M includes at least one 3d transition metal selected from the group consisting of Sc, Ti, V, Cr, Mn, Fe, Co, Ni, Cu and Zn." Applicants assert that no new matter has been added. While the specification does not list all the elements in the 3d transition metal group, it is commonly known in the relevant art that the 3d transition metal group includes elements such as Si, Ti, V, Cr, Mn, Fe, Co, Ni, Cu and Zn. Applicants herein attach a periodic table for reference. (See attached periodic table).

Claims 7, 11, 15 and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicants regard as the invention.

In response, claims 7, 11, 15 and 21 have been rewritten to include process steps recited for making a battery and to include proper Markush language per Examiner's suggestion.

Claims 10, 14, 16-17, 19-20, 22-23, 25-27 and 29 all depend directly from claims 7, 11, 15, and 21 and are therefore allowable for at least the same reason that claims 7, 11, 15, and 21 are allowable.

Applicants respectfully submit these rejections have been overcome and request that they be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the pending claims 7-10, 11 and 13-30 are patentable and that the application is in condition for allowance. Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

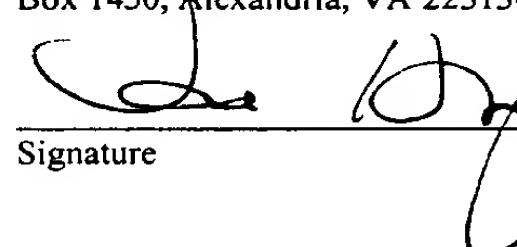
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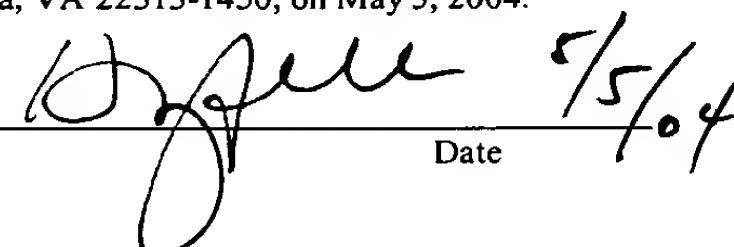
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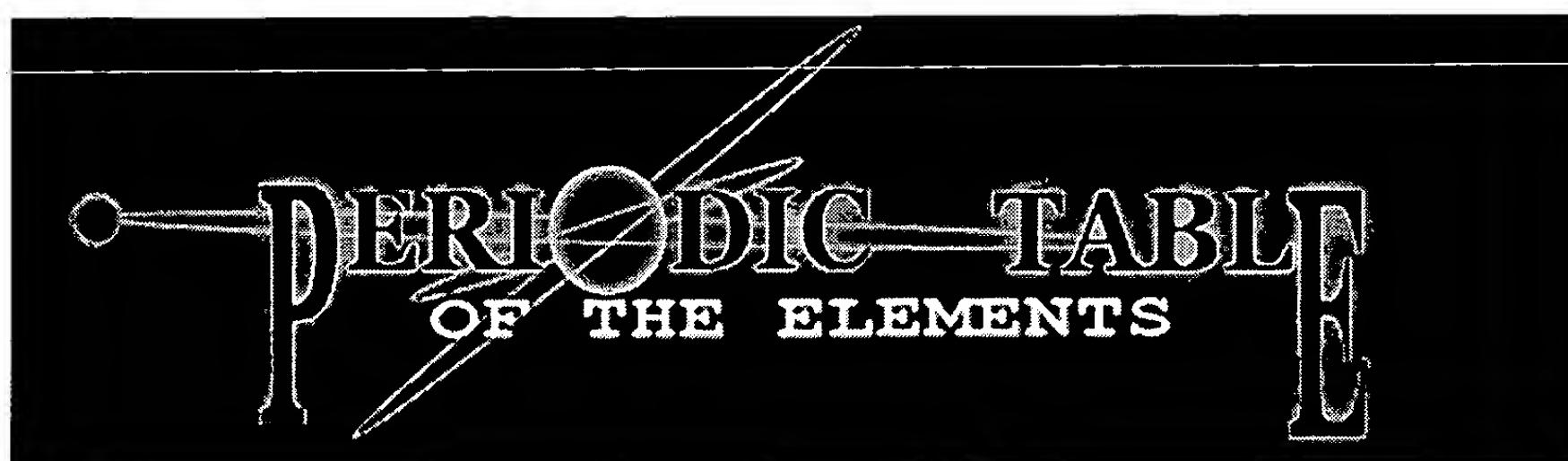
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** Groups are noted by 3 notation conventions.

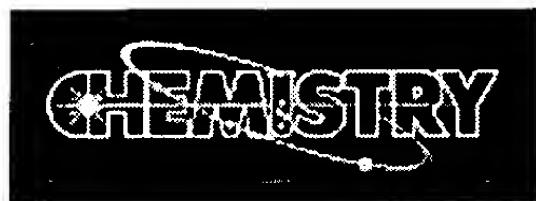
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